



Governor's Advisory Council to the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Chapel – Herman M. Holloway, Sr. Campus

July 19, 2018 9:00 a.m. – 11:00am

Members Present: Jack Akester, Helena Carter, Patricia Hill, Ira Kalbrosky, Devon Manning, Jim Martin, Daniel Meadows, Kim Pettyjohn,

Members Excused: George Meldrum and Susan Phillips

Members Absent: Patricia Ayers, Robert Daniels, Andrea Guest, Thomas Hall, Janice Jolly, Joanna Rieger

Associate Members Present: Lynn Fahey, Bruce Lorenz, John McKenna, Charles Sygowski,

Associate Members Excused:

Associate Members Absent: Florence Alberque, Lisa Furber, Dan Hoeftmen, James Lark, Edie McCole

Interested Parties Present: Elizabeth Booth, Erin Goldner, Joshua Thomas-Acker, Greg Valentine, Emily Vera, Pamela Willis, Caitlyn Overington, Kim Jones, Lisa Snitzer, Angela Lloyd, Cheryl Heiks

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call to Order/Introductions	Chairman Jim Martin called the meeting to order at 9:07am and welcomed everyone in attendance. Meeting participants were invited to introduce themselves and share their affiliation.	
Review and Approval of Minutes		May's minutes were not approved due to lack of a quorum. A correction noted that Trish Hill was not chairing the Community Services Committee she was just reporting.

Chairman's Report	<p>Chairman Jim Martin congratulated Trish Hill on becoming Vice-Chair of the Governor's Advisory Council (GAC). Chairman Jim Martin then introduced Caitlyn O., an ACE Center Volunteer who reported on her addiction and recovery journey. She gave her opinions on what she feels could help with the whole process.</p> <p>Chairman Jim Martin then introduced Angela L. a counselor at Kirkwood Detox. Angela L. thinks when helping someone with Substance Use Disorder, you should also be aware of their mental health. She stated that all people, no matter what their issue, should be treated with respect and dignity.</p> <p>This prompted a group discussion regarding how addicted people are treated by some health care professionals.</p>	
Director's Report	<p>Director Elizabeth Romero reported DSAMH is launching an "Open Beds" program, an electronic referral system and there is training today and tomorrow. DSAMH is working on the PROMISE program to make it easier and more efficient. The housing model around sober living is being evaluated and a Level 4 facility may be added. Evidence based practices are being examined in the area of prevention.</p>	

Standing Committee Reports:		
DPC Advisory Committee	Trish Hill has joined the DPC Advisory Committee and reported DPC is working on having a full nursing staff to reduce overtime and increase moral. DPC is going to update the Recovery Academy. DPC will be working on getting people from the community to come to the DPC committee and maybe even join.	
Children's Committee	Helena Carter reported Children's Crisis is transitioning to Delaware Guidance.	
Employment Committee	No report given due to the absence of committee representation	
Membership Committee	Chairman Jim introduced Trish Hill as the vice-chair for the GAC and she will report for the membership committee in the future.	
Community Services Committee	No report given due to the absence of committee representation	
Budget Committee	No report given due to the absence of committee representation	
Old Business	None	
New Business	None	
Public Comment	None	
Meeting Adjourned	Meeting was adjourned at 11:05a.m.	